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H. R. 4745

To designate the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emancipation National
5 Historic Trail Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HIS-**
7 **TORIC TRAIL.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION OF EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HIS-
9 TORIC TRAIL.—Section 5(a) of the National Trails System

1 Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(____) EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HISTORIC
4 TRAIL.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
6 results of the study conducted under subsection
7 (c)(____), the Emancipation National Historic
8 Trail, extending approximately 51 miles from
9 the Osterman Building and Reedy Chapel in
10 Galveston, Texas, along Texas State Highway 3
11 and Interstate Highway 45 North, to Freed-
12 men’s Town and Emancipation Park in Hous-
13 ton, Texas, following the migration route taken
14 by newly freed slaves and other persons of Afri-
15 can descent from the major 19th century sea-
16 port town of Galveston to the burgeoning com-
17 munity of Freedmen’s Town, located in the 4th
18 Ward of Houston, Texas.

19 “(B) ADMINISTRATION.—The trail shall be
20 administered by the National Park Service, in
21 cooperation with the relevant Federal, State,
22 and local authorities.

23 “(C) MAP.—The Secretary of the Interior
24 shall make the map described in section

1 5(c)(____)(B) available for public inspection in
2 the appropriate offices of the Secretary.”.

3 (b) STUDY OF EMANCIPATION NATIONAL HISTORIC
4 TRAIL.—Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act
5 (16 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(____)(A) IN GENERAL.—The Emancipation
8 National Historic Trail, extending approximately 51
9 miles from the Osterman Building and Reedy Chapel
10 in Galveston, Texas, along Texas State Highway 3
11 and Interstate Highway 45 North, to Freedmen’s
12 Town and Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas.

13 “(B) MAP.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
14 include in the study a map of the trail described in
15 subparagraph (A).

16 “(C) COMPLETION DATE.—The study shall be
17 completed not later than one year after the date of
18 the enactment of this paragraph.”.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized \$5,000,000 for purposes of this Act.

21 (d) DATE OF ENACTMENT OF DESIGNATION.—Sub-
22 section (a) shall be enacted upon the date that the study
23 required by the amendment made in subsection (b) has
24 been submitted to Congress.

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